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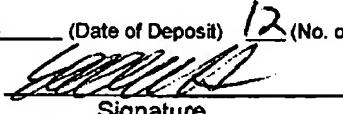
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In re the Application of:  
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For: FUND TRANSFERS USING POSTAGE INDICIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Before taking any action, in response to the Final Office Action dated June 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.